



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Beneath all that troubles this world lies what is now commonly called a moral crisis where old social values have been broken and new moral values have not replaced them; and

WHEREAS, bringing about a new era of morality and peace worldwide begins here in America in this time; and

WHEREAS, our greatest national resource is our children - they too can help make a difference, as demonstrated by the millions upon millions who have participated in the National Children's Set a Good Example student campaign with projects that helped to reduce drug abuse, crime and violence on campus; and

WHEREAS, those projects resulted in safer learning environments, demonstrating that common-sense morals, virtues and values commonly accepted by others can help make a real difference; and

WHEREAS, this children's campaign has helped to build honesty, trust, tolerance, competence and understanding and is one of America's most highly commended moral education programs sponsored by concerned business people located in every state including Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this children's campaign is based on 21 non-religious, common-sense guidelines for living that advise these individuals to:

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| 1. Take care of yourself | 12. Safeguard and improve your environment |
| 2. Be temperate and don't use harmful drugs | 13. Do not steal |
| 3. Don't be promiscuous | 14. Be worthy of trust |
| 4. Love and help children | 15. Fulfill your obligations |
| 5. Honor and help your parents | 16. Be industrious |
| 6. Set a good example | 17. Be competent |
| 7. Seek to live with the truth | 18. Respect religious beliefs of others |
| 8. Do not murder | 19. Try not to do things to others that you would not like them to do to you |
| 9. Don't do anything illegal | 20. Try to treat others as you would want them to treat you |
| 10. Support a government for all people | 21. Flourish and prosper |
| 11. Do not harm a person of goodwill | |

WHEREAS, these moral precepts are borrowed from THE WAY TO HAPPINESS book written as a gift to mankind in 1980; 12 million U.S. students have benefited from its contents; it is available in 60 languages; copies have been distributed worldwide in troubled areas from the Middle East to South Africa, from Zimbabwe to Guyana, in efforts to help reduce suffering and man's inhumanity to man; and

WHEREAS, first observed by the author in 1970 that the modern world lacked a code of morals befitting our fast paced, high-tech, pragmatic society where old values had been broken but not replaced, and many people, including children, were left to flounder on rapidly shifting sands of social change, he felt he might be able to provide a common sense solution; and

WHEREAS, the author of THE WAY TO HAPPINESS always endeavored to bring solutions to the world from a purely humanitarian perspective, and - quite separate from religion - L. Ron Hubbard wrote these 21 common-sense moral guidelines for living, with no threat to separation of church and state or to cultural or religious beliefs and practices; and

WHEREAS, these 21 precepts from THE WAY TO HAPPINESS carry no other appeal than to the good sense of the individual man or woman, boy or girl who reads it. People the world over are looking for solutions to arrest social decline. We in Louisiana can help by setting the example.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2004, as

Good Example Moral Education Month

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of May*

A. D., 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana